

**Governor's Family Violence Council Meeting**  
**Staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services**  
**Wednesday, April 13, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Participating Members:**

Jeanne Yeager, Chair  
Dorothy Lennig, Esq., Vice-Chair  
Heather Amador for Kunle Adeyemo  
Reverend Lawrence Crabtree  
Debbie Feinstein, Esq.  
Lt. Diane Hansen for Superintendent Colonel Woodrow W. Jones III  
Lisae Jordan, Esq. for Delegate Kriselda Valderrama  
Senator Susan Lee  
Marcia Morris for Secretary Lourdes Padilla  
Lisa Nitsch  
Leslye Orloff  
Scott Patterson, Esq.  
Teresa Pfaff for Secretary Dennis Schrader  
Jennifer Pollitt-Hill  
Laure Ruth, Esq.  
David Shultie  
Gabrielle Titow for Senator Mary Beth Carozza  
Dave Wolinski for Secretary Robert Green

**Guests:**

Joseph Coale, Esq., Talbot County State's Attorney's Office  
Michael Lore, Maryland General Assembly  
Melanie Shapiro, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence

**Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services Staff:**

Rebecca Allyn

**I. Welcome & Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:01 a.m. Ms. Allyn conducted a roll call and guests introduced themselves. Ms. Allyn introduced Teresa Pfaff as the designee for the Maryland Department of Health.

**II. Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services Updates**

Ms. Allyn informed members that Kunle Adeyemo has been [appointed as the Executive Director](#) of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (the Office). Ms. Allyn shared that the Governor included an additional [\\$35 million in the state budget for victim services](#). The Office is currently accepting grant applications for the [Juvenile Justice and](#)

[Delinquency Prevention Grant](#). Applications are due April 28. Continuation grants will be provided for current Maryland Victims of Crime (MVOC) grantees so long as they are in good standing. The Office is determining if continuation grants or a Notice of Funding Availability will be posted for other state grants. The Office will be conducting a victim services needs survey later this spring to guide the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) strategic plan, but the survey will include all aspects of victim services.

During National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the Office and the Maryland State Board of Victim Services will be hosting the [32nd Memorial Services for Crime Victims and Their Families](#) on Sunday, April 24 and the virtual [2022 Maryland Crime Victims' Rights Conference](#) on April 27-29. Conference topics will include equity in victim services, AirTag stalking, establishing or enhancing law enforcement based victim service, victims' rights, promising practices for victim services and COVID-19 response, legislation, compensation, victim notification, human trafficking, teen dating violence, and work life balance.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

The January 2022 Council meeting minutes were provided to members and guests. Ms. Orloff made a motion to approve the minutes; Ms. Pollitt-Hill seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the minutes were approved.

### **IV. Abuse Intervention Program (AIP) Certification**

During the certification cycle this year, eight programs applied for certification, including seven applications for recertification and one application for a new program. Council members assisted with reviewing and scoring the certification applications. The application scores and recommendations were provided to all members. Ms. Allyn provided members with an overview of the application guidelines where applications with an average score of 90 or above would be recommended for certification and programs would be requested to submit any missing documentation. Scores of 89 or below would not be recommended for certification.

Of the eight applications, seven received a score of 90 or above, including one program receiving a score of 100. One program received an average score below 89 and was not recommended for certification due to failure to include required documentation with the application. Ms. Ruth made a motion to approve the AIP recommendations; Ms. Nitsch seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the AIP recommendations were approved. Ms. Allyn will notify programs of the certification decisions.

### **V. Workgroup Updates**

#### *a. Abusers Not Meeting Conditions of Court Orders Workgroup*

The workgroup met in January to continue the discussion on the need to train Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) agents on the new AIP data fields in the Offender Case Management System (OCMS) in order to better track AIP data and hold abusers accountable. DPSCS informed members that they are beginning to roll out training for their agents. Ms. Nitsch shared that the House of Ruth Maryland applied for a grant to provide domestic violence content training to DPSCS agents. The workgroup will meet next once agents are trained and DPSCS is able to begin collecting AIP data.

b. *Abuse Intervention Program (AIP) Workgroup*

In January, Ms. Allyn joined a meeting hosted by the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence with comprehensive domestic violence programs to discuss the possibility of the AIP certification process requiring a MOU between an AIP and domestic violence programs. Ms. Allyn will schedule a workgroup meeting before the next quarterly Council meeting to continue the discussion on the proposed MOU requirement and discuss the collaboration aspect of certification in greater detail.

Ms. Pollitt-Hill shared that the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence has received a planning and researching grant to collect AIP data in order to track referrals and outcomes.

## **VI. New Workgroup Discussion**

Members discussed workgroups for the upcoming year. Workgroup ideas discussed were:

- Survivor focused priorities, potentially an advisory committee
- Review immigration laws and policies in other states and identify how Maryland could improve access to benefits for immigrant survivors
- Build upon the stalking legislation that passed and identify how to address this lethal behavior (frequently found in protective orders)

Ms. Allyn informed members that if they would like the Council to consider any other workgroup topics to email her with a description of the topic and how the Council would be able to address the issue. Ms. Allyn will provide members with a document detailing the proposed workgroups. New workgroups will be voted on during the July meeting.

## **VII. Legislation**

Members discussed legislation passed this session relevant to domestic violence survivors.

- [House Bill 86/Senate Bill 6](#) - Landlord and Tenant – Residential Leases – Tenant Rights and Protections (Tenant Protection Act of 2022): Requiring a landlord to make a certain disclosure to prospective tenants if the landlord uses a ratio utility billing system; makes a certain lease provision unenforceable if the landlord fails to make the disclosure; requiring a landlord to document a bill for certain utilities; providing that a tenant organization has the right to assemble during reasonable hours and on reasonable notice to the landlord; expanding certain provisions of law regarding the rights of certain tenants to include certain victims of stalking; etc.
- [House Bill 148/Senate Bill 328](#) - Criminal Law - Stalking - Definition: Altering the definition of stalking to include conduct which occurs in person, through electronic communication, or through the use of a device that can pinpoint or track the location of another without the person's knowledge or consent.
- [House Bill 210](#) - Criminal Trials - Spousal Privilege - Exception - This bill provides that the spouse of a person on trial for a crime may be compelled to testify as an adverse witness if the spouse and the person on trial married after the date on which the alleged crime for which the person is on trial occurred.

- [House Bill 245/Senate Bill 331](#) - Program for Preventing HIV Infection for Rape Victims – Alterations and Repeal of Sunset: This bill repeals the termination date of the Pilot Program for Preventing HIV Infection for Rape Victims; repealing the limit on the total annual amount physicians, qualified health care providers, and hospitals are entitled to be paid for providing certain treatment or follow-up care; and altering the requirement that the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services report to the Governor and General Assembly on the operation and results of the program.
- [House Bill 284/Senate Bill 20](#) - Criminal Procedure - Out of Court Statements - Child Victims and Witnesses: Authorizing the court to admit into evidence in certain criminal proceedings certain out of court statements made by a child who is under the age of 13 years and the alleged victim or a witness in a case concerning a crime of violence, subject to certain requirements.
- [House Bill 296/Senate Bill 280](#) - Temporary Protective Orders - Electronic Filing and Video Conferencing Hearings: Authorizing a petitioner receiving medical treatment at a hospital to electronically file a petition for a temporary protective order while at the hospital; requires certain hospitals to refer a petitioner filing a petition on the grounds of domestic violence to a hospital-based or community-based domestic violence prevention program; and authorizing a petitioner to electronically file a petition for a temporary protective order from certain programs and centers.
- [House Bill 441/Senate Bill 586](#) - Criminal Procedure and Public Safety - Courts and Criminal Justice in Baltimore City: Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to notify the Baltimore Police Department, within 24 hours of a release, if a defendant is released prior to trial; establishing the Jobs Court Pilot Program in the District Court sitting in Baltimore City to reduce recidivism by offering defendants an opportunity to take part in full-time job training and job placement programs as a condition of probation; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to develop a plan to implement and monitor the pilot program; etc.
- [House Bill 817](#) - Criminal Law – Violation of a Protective Order – Merger Prohibition and Separate Sentence Authorization: Prohibiting a conviction for violation of a certain protective order from merging with a conviction for a certain other crime; and authorizing a sentence for violation of a certain protective order to be imposed separate from and consecutive to or concurrent with a certain other sentence.
- [Senate Bill 17](#) - Child Custody - Cases Involving Child Abuse or Domestic Violence - Training for Judges: Requiring the Maryland Judiciary, in consultation with domestic violence and child abuse organizations, to develop and update as appropriate a training program for judges and magistrates presiding over child custody cases involving child abuse or domestic violence; requiring the training program to include certain subject matter; and requiring the Maryland Judiciary to adopt procedures to ensure that only judges who have received certain training are assigned child custody cases that may involve child abuse or domestic violence.
- [Senate Bill 134](#) - Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission - Training Requirements - Electronic Stalking: Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to require certain entrance-level and in-service police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school to include certain training related to the criminal laws concerning stalking as they pertain to

electronic surveillance or tracking, including services available to victims, related prevention methods for victims, and how victims may request additional assistance to identify and preserve digital evidence.

- [Senate Bill 662](#) - Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund - Funding: Requiring the Comptroller to distribute \$14,000,000 of certain abandoned property funds to the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund for fiscal year 2024; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$14,000,000 from the Fund to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation for fiscal year 2024.

### **VIII. Old/New Business**

No old/new business at this time.

### **IX. Adjournment**

Ms. Yeager made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Orloff seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:25 a.m.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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